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COMMANDER LIGHT ATTACK WING ONE  
NAS CECIL FIELD, FLORIDA

COMMAND HISTORY CY 1982

I. COMMAND ORGANIZATION (enclosed as Attachment A)

II. COMMAND MISSION: Commander Light Attack Wing ONE, with a staff averaging 35 officers and men, is headquartered at NAS Cecil Field, Florida and reports directly to Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic, NAS Oceana, Virginia. COMLATWING exercises administrative and operational command over two training squadrons and managerial command over 12 Atlantic Fleet A-7 Corsair II light attack squadrons, and is responsible for the shore-based operations, administration, training, inspection and readiness of the wing which consists of over 350 officers, 3,500 enlisted men and over 200 aircraft. Under his direction and supervision, these 12 fleet light attack squadrons receive maximum training within the time allotted while shorebased and report to their respective carrier air wing commanders fully ready for every challenge of aviation duty at sea.

Commissioned in June 1970, the Light Attack Wing consists of the following:

A. Twelve Atlantic Fleet A-7 Corsair II Light Attack Squadrons:

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|-------|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| VA-12 | "Clinchers" | VA-81  | "Sunliners"       |
| VA-15 | "Valions"   | VA-82  | "Marauders"       |
| VA-37 | "Bulls"     | VA-83  | "Rampagers"       |
| VA-46 | "Clansmen"  | VA-86  | "Sidewinders"     |
| VA-66 | "Waldos"    | VA-87  | "Golden Warriors" |
| VA-72 | "Bluehawks" | VA-105 | "Gunslingers"     |

B. VA-174 "Hellrazors", the Atlantic Fleet Light Attack Ready Replacement Training Squadron, which is responsible for training ready replacement pilots and enlisted maintenance personnel in the LTV A-7 Corsair.

C. VA-45 "Blackbirds" (located at NAS Key West, Florida) which is responsible for initial and refresher training of Atlantic Fleet aviators in instrument procedures utilizing the Douglas TA-4F aircraft.

D. Conventional Weapons School, which provides aircrews and enlisted maintenance personnel with a basic knowledge of the safe and proper handling and delivery of conventional ordnance carried by the A-7 aircraft.

E. The Fleet Air Intelligence Support Center, which provides intelligence support to all units based at NAS Cecil Field.

III. SPECIAL TOPICS:

A. In early 1984, VFA-106, the combined FA-18 Hornet training squadron for East Coast Navy/Marine Corps personnel, will join the wing. With a joint services complement of approximately 600 enlisted and officer personnel, VFA-106 is scheduled to commence transition training for three Marine F-4 squadrons from MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina, to be followed by the gradual transition of the twelve LATWING fleet squadrons currently assigned to Cecil Field. Changes in the scope of the F/A-18 resulted in a one-year slip in the introduction of the F/A-18 aircraft into



### III. SPECIAL TOPICS (contd)

COMLATWING ONE. However, military construction projects to support the F/A-18 continued as planned with construction commencing on the VFA-106 hangar, the simulator building, NAMTRADET additions, AIMD additions and a 588-man barracks. Program rescopes involved the Fleet Introduction Team in F/A-18 support site surveys at NAS El Centro, NAS Key West, NAS Sigonella and on board USS CORAL SEA in addition to the previously planned East Cost sites.

The single-seat, twin engine designed McDonnell Douglas supersonic F/A-18 strike fighter is scheduled to gradually replace both the Navy A7E Corsair II and the Marine Corp's F-4 Phantom tactical aircraft. Unlike its predecessors, the new jet is thoroughly computerized to handle both fighter and attack missions. Developed at a cost of \$27 million per plane, it can reach an altitude of 39,000 feet in less than a minute. Its two G.E. F-404 turbofan after burner engines produce 32,000 pounds of thrust enabling it to accelerate even while climbing straight up. Only slightly larger than the A7, it has a range of more than 400 nautical miles (460 miles) as an aerial fighter and can ferry weapons 2,000 miles to use in an attack role against ground forces. In addition to the A-7's awesome arsenal of air-to-ground weapons, including a 20mm cannon, the Hornet is equipped with two Sparrow radar-guided missiles mounted on the fuselage to augment the two heat-seeking Sidewinder missiles perched on the wingtips.

### IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (CHRONOLOGICAL):

#### JANUARY

COMLATWING ONE presented the CNO Safety Award to VA-174

Deployed VA-37/105 in USS KENNEDY and VA-12-66 in USS EISENHOWER Full Mission Capable

Conducted joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT of VA-81 and VA-83

Conducted Command Inspection of VA-81

NCCM Bob Obremski reported as Command Master Chief

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-81/83

Conducted Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWIPI) for VA-81/83

#### FEBRUARY

Coordinated the delivery of three A7P's to Portugal by CLAW-1 pilots

Conducted joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT of VA-72 and VA-82

Hosted joint NAESU/CLAW-1 meeting for assignment of Naval and contract engineering technical services (NETS/CETS) representatives

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

#### IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-46

Weapons School Officer attended Electronic Warfare School at NAS Whidbey

VA-82/86 return to Cecil Field after Indian Ocean/Mediterranean deployment

YN2 (b) (6) selected as CLAW-1 Sailor of the Year; Nominated AMEL Gerald Reupke of VA-45 for AIRLANT Shore Sailor of the Year and AOL Darrell Lee of VA-37 for AIRLANT Sea Sailor of the Year

Command Master Chief attended Atlantic Fleet Command Master Chief Conference at Norfolk

#### MARCH

Conducted joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT Inspection of VA-46 and VA-82

COMLAWWING ONE and Maintenance Officer attended TACWINGS Commander's Conference at Oceana

Conducted Corrosion Audit on VA-15/86

F/A-18 Fleet Introduction Team (FIT) Rep participated in Site Survey aboard USS INDEPENDENCE

Conducted Command Inspections of VA-46, VA-82, and VA-86

Conducted predeployment brief for VA-15, VA-87 and VS-30 families

Weapons School conducted the following training during March: Mine Loading Training for VA-81; HLU-196 Bomb Hoist Training for VA-87; MK-60 Captor Mine Training for VA-87; Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class; Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-87

Conducted CWIPI for VA-86

Weapons Officer attended Minefield Planning Conference at COMTACWINGSLANT in Oceana

Coordinated delivery of two A-7P's to Portugal

#### APRIL

Intelligence Officer participated in Exercise Ocean Venture 82 at COMUSFORCES CARIB HQ in Key West for approximately one month

Hosted liaison visit by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Billy Sanders



#### IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

Maintenance Department Reps attended joint NARF Jax, CNAL/CNAP at NAVAIREWORKFAC Jacksonville to discuss HARM (Highspeed Anti-Radiation Missile) and FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared).

CLAW-1 Maintenance Department hosted and briefed five five Kuwait Air Force Officers

Maintenance Officer and Power Plants Rep attended TF-41 FOD meeting at NAVAIREWORKFAC Jacksonville

F/A-18 Fleet Introduction Team along with NAS Cecil Field hosted F/A-18 Support Site Activation Survey

Conducted Corrosion Control Audit on VA-46/72 and VA-45 at Key West

Attended joint Public Works/VS Wing/VA Wing Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN Battle Group Planning Meeting

Conducted joint meeting with CLAW-1, NAESU, NAMTD and AIMD for enhanced engine borescope training

Maintenance Department hosted and sponsored joint Vought Aeronautics/CLAW-1/NAESU meeting and initiated prototype of Naval Aviation Technical Enhancement Program (NATEP)

Conducted CWIPI on VA-82/86

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-82

Conducted Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) aboard USS INDEPENDENCE

Mobile Sea Target is established at Lake George for LATWING use

Participated in National Airspace Conference at Atlanta

Conducted three-day war for VA-15/87

Coordinated the delivery of two A-7P's and one TA-7C to Portugal

Submitted to TACWINGS under TAC D&E Program "Wang 2200 Airwing Minefield Planning Programs" and "Wang 2200 Low-Level Navigation Planning Program (Lessons Learned)"

MAY

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Participated in Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS FORRESTAL

Conducted Corrosion Control Audit for VA-81/83

IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

JUNE

Conducted Full Mission Capable meetings for VA-81/83 and VA-15/87 prior to deployment

Coordinated delivery of three A7-P aircraft to Portugal

Deployed VA-15/86 and VA-81/83 Full Systems Capable

Conducted and hosted meeting for Bell and Howell concerning new MIARs machines and improvements

Maintenance Reps attended electronic warfare conference at NAS Cecil Field

Hosted new AIMD officer (CDR (b) (6)) and briefed CLAW-1 maintenance policy and procedures

Maintenance Officer and Power Planst Reps attended TF-41 trim box conference at NAVAIREWORKFAC Jax

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for MAG-42 Reserves

Conducted Advanced Weapons Class for VA-46/72 and VA-82/86

Conducted Three-Day War for VA-82/86

Participated in FA-18 Site Survey aboard USS CONSTELLATION

F/A-18 FIT attended Naval Training Plan Review at NAS Lemoore

JULY

Captain J. T. Matheny relieved Captain J. M. Waples as CLAW-1 (Bio is enclosed as Attachment B)

Attended FACSFAC Airspace Meeting at NAS Jacksonville

Attended joint Vought/CLAW-1 presentation concerning reengineering the TA-7C aircraft to TF-41 engines vice TF-30 engines

Conducted corrosion control reinspection for VA-45 at NAS Key West

VA-37/105 returned from Indian Ocean/Mediterranean deployment and VA-12/66 returned from Mediterranean deployment

Attended Enlisted Distribution Verification (EDVR) presentation by Captain Flowers of NAVMILPERSCOM

Conducted Corrosion Control Audit on VA-174

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Submitted to TACWINGS under TAC D&E Program CLAW-1 TAC MEMO UZ4031-1-82 "A-7E War-At-Sea Weapon Load Selection Guidance"



IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

AUGUST

Conducted Command Inspection of VA-45  
SEPTAR Exercise at Lake George for LATWING  
Coordinated delivery of two A7-P aircraft to Portugal  
Conducted predeployment brief for VA-82, 86 and VS-24 families  
Participated in F/A-18 Site Survey aboard USS KENNEDY  
Conducted Corrosion Control Audit on VA-36/105 and VA-82  
Attended joint AIMD/NAESU/CLAW-1 D-704 inflight refueling store meeting  
Conducted NATEP implementation meeting with CLAW-1, VA-12, VA-66, NAESU, and Vought  
Conducted ADMAT inspection on VA-45 on board NAS Key West  
Maintenance Officer attended AIRLANT Maintenance Officer Symposium at Norfolk  
Attended presentation on NAESU Programs by CO NAESU at AIMD Cecil Field  
Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-72 and Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class  
Conducted Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection on VA-72  
Conducted Air Power Employment Class for LATWING squadrons

SEPTEMBER

Coordinated the delivery of two A7-P aircraft to Portugal  
Conducted Community Professional Seminar for LATWING pilots with presentation by VX-5  
Fleet Air Intelligence Support Center (FAISC) initiated Intelligence Officer Training Syllabus for newly arrived VA Intelligence Officers  
Conducted Corrosion Control Audits on VA-66 and 86  
Deployed VA-82/86 in USS NIMITZ full systems capable  
Conducted joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT Inspection of VA-174  
Attended Public Works, VS Wing, VA Wing meeting concerning the construction of a High Power Hush House

IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

Conducted Mines/SUU-44/DST Training for VA-203

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-37/105

Conducted Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection of VA-37/105

Conducted Advanced Weapons Class for LATWING squadrons

Submitted to TACWINGS under TAC D&E Program CLAW-1 TAC Memo TZ4031-2-82 "Harpoon Over-the-Horizon Targeting Using the A-7E"

OCTOBER

Conducted ORE aboard USS AMERICA

Conducted ADMAT for VA-12/66 and joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT of VA-12/66

Conducted Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) aboard USS NIMITZ

Participated in Quick Thrust Interdiction exercise at Ft Stewart

Conducted command inspection for VA-12

CLAW-1 was designated TADTAR holder and issuing authority for LATWING squadrons

Received CNO authorization to establish VFA-106 F/A-18 Fleet Replacement Squadron at Cecil Field and approval for "Gladiators" insignia (Attachment C)

F/A-18 FIT participated in Site Survey aboard NAS Sigonella Sicily

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Participated in Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS NIMITZ

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading Refresher for VA-12/66

Participated in Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS AMERICA

Weapons Rep attended meeting at NAMTRADET Cecil Field to discuss Navy Integrated Training Resources Administration System (NITRAS)

VA-15 and VA-45 nominated by CLAW-1 for CINCLANT Golden Anchor Award for retention

Conducted Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection of VA-12/66



#### IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

CLAW-1, Maintenance Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer attended Operational Safety Improvement Program Conference at NAVAIREWORKFAC Jax

Deployed VA-37/105 to CVW-15 and NAF Fallon NV full systems capable

Conducted meeting to establish new IWSR program for LATWING ONE

Conducted followup NATEP program meeting with VA-12/66, Vought and NAESU

Attended meeting and program presentation by NAVMILSPERCOM at NAS Cecil Field concerning Limited Duty Officer (LDO) / Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Program

#### NOVEMBER

Established Maintenance Training Department

Conducted joint CNAL/CLAW-1 Maintenance ADMAT of VA-37

Submitted Ground Officer Training Program Proposal to TACWINGSLANT and CNAL

Conducted Corrosion Control Audit on VA-46/72

VA-81/83 returned from Indian Ocean/Mediterranean deployment

Maintenance Officer attended TACWINGSLANT CDR's Conference at Oceana Virginia

Maintenance Training Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer attended annual Integrated Logistics Support Management Team (ILSMT) at Dallas

Conducted Command Inspection of VA-37/105

AVCM Straub assumed duties as Command Master Chief

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Weapons Officer attended Laser Guided Bomb Conference at NAVAIRSYSCOM

Hosted joint F/A-18 Facility Site Activation Survey with NAS Cecil Field

VA-12/66 and VA-37 participated in Three-Day War

Twelfth Annual Corsair Ball was held with over 425 in attendance; VADM Wesley McDonald, CINCLANTFLT, was guest speaker

Bombing Derby was held for VA-12/66, VA-37/105, VA-46/72, VA-82/86 and VA-174

IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (contd)

Professional Seminar was held for LAIWING pilots with presentations by Marine Amphibious Warfare Command and Aviation Detailers from NAVMILPERSCOM

Conducted Predeployment Brief for VA-46, VA-72, VS-32 families

Filmed "Hi Daddy" film for deployed squadrons (VA-46/72 and VS-32, VA-82/86, VS-24 and HS-9 and HS-11) at NAS Cecil Field theater

DECEMBER

Conducted Corrosion Control Audit on VA-37/105 and VA-81/83

Conducted Conventional Weapons Loading FRAMP Class

Assistant Weapons Officer attended initial Software Change Review Board meeting at Naval Weapons Center China Lake

Weapons Officer attended initial Project Arrow Conference at COMTACWINGSLANT at Oceana

Submitted to TACWINGS under TAC D&E Program CLAW-1 TAC Memo UZ4031-3-82 "ZUNI's in War-At-Sea" and CLAW-1 TAC Memo U4031-4-82 "Coordinated VA War-At-Sea Strikes"

Participated in AVALEX: Close Air Support Exercise at Cherry Point

Conducted Three Day War for VA-105

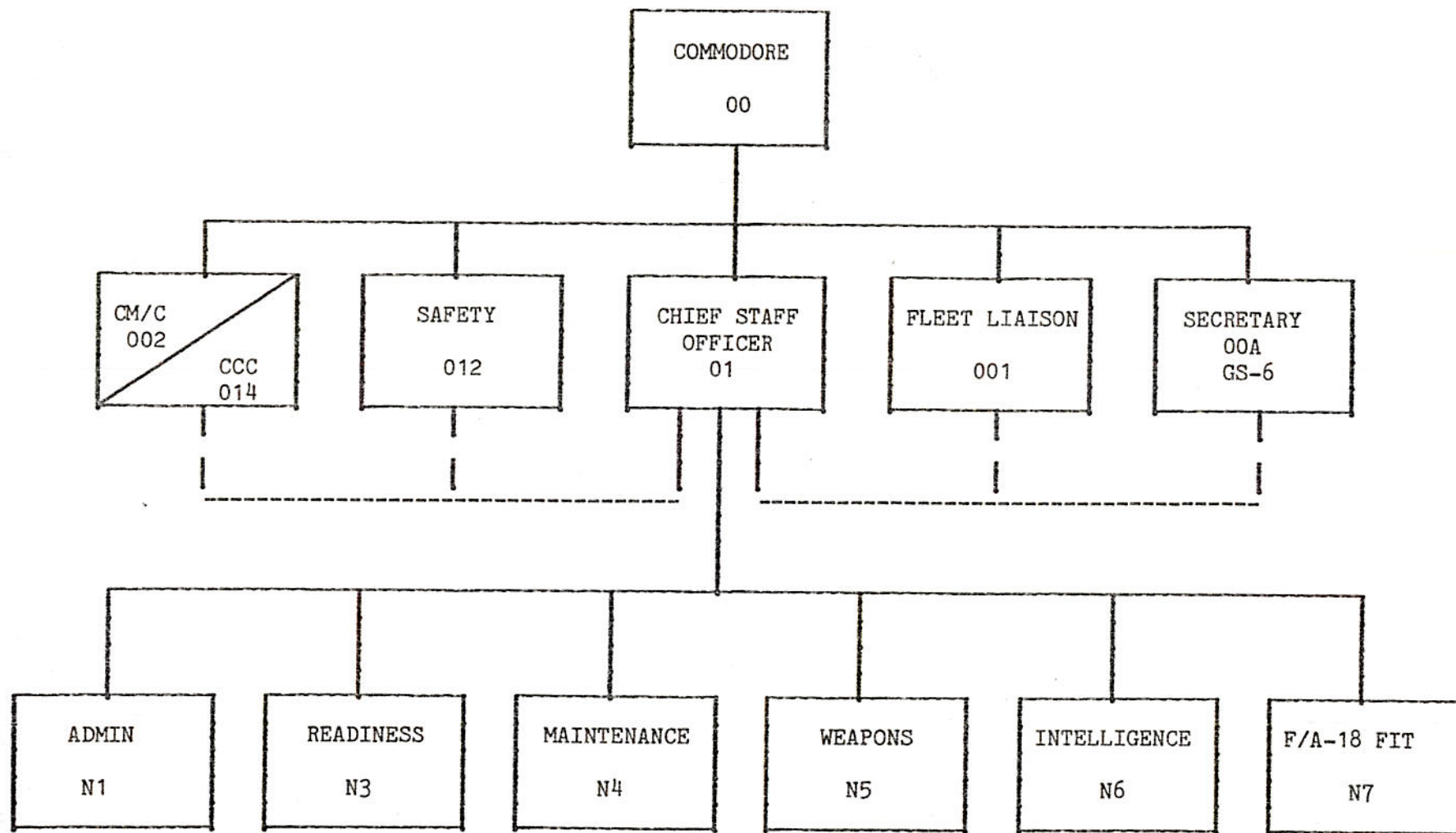
Hosted ADM L. F. Eggert, Inspector General, during indoctrination Visit

Participated in F/A-18 Facilities and Site Activation Survey at NAS Key West, FL

VA-15/87 return from Mediterranean deployment



COMLATWING ONE ORGANIZATION



CAPTAIN JAMES T. MATHENY, USN

Captain James T. Matheny, from (b) (6), graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, 1960 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1961.

Captain Matheny joined VF-13 in 1962 and made two Mediterranean cruises aboard USS SHANGRI-LA, the first cruise in F-3B "Demons" and the second in F-8 "Crusaders". He joined the VF-174 as an F-8 instructor pilot until 1966 when the squadron was recommissioned VA-174 and he transitioned to the A-7A. As an LSO on Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN staff he made a WESTPAC deployment aboard USS KITTY HAWK in 1969.

Captain Matheny reported as Commander Carrier Air Wing ONE after serving as the A-7 Program Coordinator for the Chief of Naval Operations, Aircraft and Weapons Requirements Branch. Captain Matheny served four consecutive sea tours with Air Wing ONE. In 1970 he was Landing Signal Officer (LSO) for Carrier Air Wing ONE Staff aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. After spending one year as Fleet Training Officer on Light Attack Wing ONE Staff, he returned to the fleet in 1972 as Maintenance and Operations Officer for Attack Squadron SEVENTY-TWO, flying the A-7B. After graduating from the Naval War College and completing the A-7 Readiness Training Squadron Syllabus, Captain Matheny continued his association with Air Wing ONE as the Executive Officer (1976-1977) and then Commanding Officer (1978-1979) of VA-46. Captain Matheny commanded Air Wing ONE from July 1981 until July 1982. He assumed command of Light Attack Wing ONE 20 July 1982.

Captain Matheny has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with eight strike/flight awards, and various unit, campaign and service awards. Captain Matheny has accumulated approximately 4900 flight hours including over 3000 in the A-7 aircraft, and 1200 carrier landings.

Captain Matheny is the son of Mrs. (b) (6)

(b) (6) He resides with his wife, (b) (6), and their daughter, (b) (6), in (b) (6).

Attachment B



